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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 428
By Crutchfield

A RESOLUTION To honor the memory of Rebecca McElroy Finn
of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Rebecca McElroy Finn; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Finn was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Finn served with acumen and alacrity as an educator, earning the respect of her colleagues and students alike for the exemplary quality of her work and her unrelenting devotion to duty; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of the late Logan and Lena McElroy, she was born and raised in Dover, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, She received an undergraduate degree from Milligan College and a graduate degree in Education from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, After marrying William "Bill" Finn in 1945, Mrs. Finn moved to Knoxville, where her husband worked as a Certified Public Accountant and she began her long career in education; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Finn's illustrious career in education included teaching English at the University of Tennessee, working in the Special Education Division of the State Department of Education, and, for 25 years, supervising the Knoxville City School System's Special Education Department, until her retirement in 1977; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Suburban Hills Garden Club, the Philanthropic Education Organization, and Delta Kappa Gamma, Mrs. Finn was also active in the Boy Scouts for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Finn was deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Finn enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, William "Bill" Finn and was the proud mother of William Patrick Finn II and James Michael Finn; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca McElroy Finn is also survived by her daughter-in-law, Jane Finn, grandson, William Patrick Finn III, and sister-in-law, Jennie McElroy; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Finn leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Rebecca McElroy Finn, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Finn.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

